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A Compact Back Maintenance Device

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

☒ is attached hereto

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**NF-2001-1-P**

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Title: **A Compact Back Maintenance Device**

Serial No., if Any:

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NF-2001-1-P

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Nancy Fichter

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Filed or Issued: 08/08/2001

Title: A Compact Back Maintenance Device

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